constraints like shortage of material, the on set of rains and consequent floods in some areas the work could not be completed by 31st July, 1988, as earlier planned.

Training of GNLF Militants by Bangladesh Rifles

1667. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the G.N.L.F militants are being trained by the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at its camp at Dalia Sub-Division of Coochbehar district of Bngladesh; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government have no confirmed information to indicate that the G.N.L.F. militants are being trained at a camp at Dalia in Bangladesh.

(b) Does ont arise.

Textile Policy, 1985

1668. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textile Policy of 6th June, 1985 was announced without consulting the then Finance Minister; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the procedure adopted in finalising the Textile Policy and the stages at which the Ministry of Finance was consulted?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b). The Textile Policy announced on 6th June, 1985, was formulated on the basis of the report of the Expert Committee on Textile Industry appointed by Government to go into the problems of the textile industry, the deliberations of the Central Advisory Council on Textile Industry and the suggestions received from various sources. The draft prepared by the Ministry was considered by the Committee of Secretaries and its suggestions incorporated. Thereafter the policy was approved by the Group of Ministers constituted for the purpose which included the then Finance Miunister of the Government of India.

Scaling down of production Target of Mill Sector

1669. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production target of mill sector has been scaled down as compared to what was targeted in the Seventh Plan document;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a change and what is the estimated increase in excess capacity as a result of such a change; and

(c) what is Government's action plan to deal with such an increase in excess capacity?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The target of organised mill sector has been scaled down, since the production in this sector was not keeping pace with the production target fixed for the Seventh Five Year plan. While doing so, the overall target of cloth production for the Seventh Plan has been kept intact and only a sectoral adjustment in the target has been made. Keeping in view the production trends of the three sectors of textile industry. No authentic estimates of excess capacity in the textile industry are available. The Textile Policy of June, 1985 allows textile mills to contract capacities including closure of a unit or part thereof, wherever necessary and justified.